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REHBERG, Denny (Republican) Representative, At Large, Montana Elected 2000 to 107th Congress

BACKGROUND

Born: Billings, Montana -- 5 October 1955

Home: Billings, Montana

Marital status: Married (Janice) - 3 children

Religion: Episcopalian

Education: Attended Montana State U, 1973-4; Washington State U., B.A.

1977

Military: None

Profession: Rancher; intern in Montana State Senate; congressional aide to Rep

Ron Marlenee (1977-93) also worked

for Sen Conrad Burns (R-MT); realtor

Political: Defeated Nancy Keenan (D) with 51% of the vote to success Rep Rick Hill (R), who retired. Montana House, 1985-91; Lt Governor, 1991-97; Republican nominee for US Senate 1996. Reelected in 2002 with 65% of the vote.

Rep Rehberg, a strong fiscal conservative, favors reducing the size of the federal government. Remarked "It seems as if the federal government does not see any farther than the Potomac." Pledged to preserve and protect Social Security. Supports the prescription drug plan for Medicare. Opposes gun control, is pro-life, and developed a Strategic Plan for Agriculture entitled "The Rehberg Plan for Farms and Ranches, Families and Communities." Hopes to be on the Agriculture Cmte. Believes the main reason government exists is for the common defense of citizens. Also wants to be on the Armed Services Cmte. Pledged to work steadfastly to improve the national defense and believes a pay increase for active duty military personnel is a key component of that. Believes America cannot break its promises to our veterans. Wants a constitutional amdt passed preventing flag desecration. Hopes innovative solutions can make veterans' health care work better. Supports a national missile defense.

In the 108th Congress, formed an advisory committee to try and safeguad Malmstrom AFB from the next BRAC.

Additional: A fifth generation Montanan, operates his family ranch where he grew up, overseeing 500 head of cattle and 600 cashmere goats.

AF Bases: Malmstrom AFB; Minuteman Sites; Great Falls IAP (ANG)

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